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CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Frank D. Wicks
Vice President and General Manager
Barrick Mercur Gold Mine
P.O. Box 838
Tooele, Utah 84074

RE: Barrick Resources (USA), Inc.
Comments on the Proposed Final Draft
Ground Water Quality Discharge Permit
& Issuance of the Final Permit,
No. UGW450002

Dear Mr. Wicks:

We are in receipt of your May 28, 1992 letter detailing your comments on the above-referenced permit. Your letter states that you find the proposed final draft permit basically acceptable. You did offer comment on the "Proper Operation and Maintenance" section of the permit and expressed your reservations about possible future requirements by our Division concerning backup equipment for your cyanide destruction reactor. Your comments have been noted and are now incorporated into the official administrative record.

The language you refer to is standard permit language and is not intended to create the impression that our Division would require expensive and unwarranted backup or auxiliary facilities. Under the bypass and upset provisions of the permit Barrick is protected against unreasonable demands by our office. We agree that because the discharge is not directly to surface water or ground water that rigorous enforcement of this provision is probably unwarranted. However this provision could be invoked to require that Barrick take appropriate measures to assure timely access to parts, equipment and expertise. This kind of action would only be contemplated in the event that the operational record of the treatment facility and Barrick's response to problems as they arise proves to be inadequate. Thus the operational record of the treatment facility will dictate the appropriate future requirements, if any, under this provision.

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Since no other public comment was received please find enclosed your copy of the final executed permit. Please note the execution date as permit compliance deadlines originate from this date. A construction permit has been issued concurrently with this permit and should arrive to your address in a separate envelope.

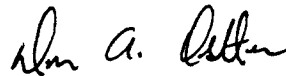
With the issuance of this permit, the Division of Water Quality wishes to convey our belief that the cooperation between Barrick and our Division during this permitting process and Barrick's commitment to the pollution prevention measures of this permit will have a net positive effect on the long term management of our state's natural resources.

The permit fee for this action is \$7200.00. Please remit this amount to the Division of Water Quality at your earliest convenience.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or your permit requirements, please contact Dennis Frederick at (801) 538-6146.

Sincerely,

Utah Water Quality Board



Don A. Ostler, P.E.
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

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